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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3 as follows.

3. (Amended) An ion implantation equipment as defined in claim(s) 1 (and 2), wherein

said scanning means for putting together a scanning surface of said ion beam with a deflection surface of said ion beam deflected by said mass separation means.